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FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2187

INFO USIA WASHDC

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, AS

ROW OVER CAIRNS STATEMENT BIG IN MONDAY PRESS. HEADS:
AGE, PAGE 1 (SIX COLUMNS) NOW U.S. ATTACKS CAIRNS.
S.M.H. (PAGE 1) CAIRNS TO PUT CASE TODAY FOR VC UNQT.
FIN. REVIEW (PAGE 1) FROM MAURICE ADAM - WASHINGTON QT.
TOUCHY PHASE FOR US ALLIANCE UNQT. AUST. (PAGE 1) QT.
CENSURE OF CAIRNS OVER HANOI ROW NOT LIKELY UNQT.
(AUST. ALSO CARRIES EDIT.)
TELEGRAPH (PAGE 1 WITH PIX) QT. SACK CAIRNS - LIB CALL
TO PM UNQT.
CANBERRA TIMES (PAGE 3) QT. NO COMMENT FROM CAIRNS:
MEETING PM TODAY UNQT. ONLY AUST. HAS EDIT TITLED QT
TALKING STRAIGHT OR DROPPING DIPLOMATIC BRICKS, UNQT.

STORIES ALL NOTE SNEDDEN AND PEACOCK CALL FOR PM TO SACK
CAIRNS BUT GO TO SAY WHITLAM DOES NOT REALLY HAVE POWER
AND THAT CAIRNS WOULD NOT DISCUSS SUBJECT UNTIL HE HAD
SEEN PM TODAY. TELEGRAPH QUOTES CAIRNS AS NOT WORRIED ABOUT
AMERICAN PROTEST. AGE QUOTES EMBASSY SPOKESMAN THAT IT
SEEMED INCONGRUOUS THAT DR CAIRNS SHOULD PROTEST AMERICAN
AGGRESSION WHEN THOUSANDS OF NV TROOPS HAVE POURED IN
SVN IN VIOLATION OF CEASEFIRE WHICH GOA SUPPORTS.

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CANBERRA TIMES NOTES THAT USG DELIVERED PROTEST NOTE TO

AMB PLIMSOLL FRIDAY AND PASSED TO AUSTRALIA ON SATURDAY.

AUST. STORY SAYS THAT U.S. NOTE CRITICIZED THE OFFENSIVE CARICATURE OF DR. CAIRNS' REMARKS IT DID NOT DISPUTE THEIR SOLIDITY. AUST. EDIT NOTES THREE DIPLOMATIC PROTESTS IN ONE WEEK (SOUTH AFRICA, SVN, US) AND SAYS "IF GOA WERE MAKING ENEMIES AS A BY-PRODUCT OF CALCULATED POLICY WHICH ACCEPTED THE PROBABILITY OF ANNOYING PEOPLE. WHEN WE ANNOY PEOPLE GRATUITIOUSLY AND QUOTE NON-PRODUCTIVELY THE WHOLE EXCESS BECOMES TOTALLY FUTILE UNQTE. MOST OF EDIT ON PM'S REMARK RE SA AND EDIT NOTES THAT CAIRNS EXACT REMARKS NOT YET AVAILABLE. ENDS ON NOTE THAT PM NOT IN MUCH OF A POSITION TO TELL HIS MINISTER TO STOP DROPPING BRICKS.

FIN. REVIEW PIECE DOES NOT MENTION CAIRNS AFFAIR, IT IS WRAP UP FOR YEAR ON AUSTRALIAN/US POINTS AT ISSUE AND NOTES SOME OF THE IMPRUDENT REMARKS THAT COMPLICATE PROBLEM. (MAILING FULL TEXT).

EMBASSY PLANS TO FOLLOW UP REPORT ON ANY FALLOUT WHITLAM/CAIRNS MEETING DEC. 17.
GREEN

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